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- On 5 September there were 150 NKPA troops at Kangnung and 25 troops at 1. Chumunjin (128-50, 37-54).
- On the evening and night of 26 September 3,000 NKPA troops in scattered and disorganized groups were passing through Chirye, Chongson (128-40, 37⇔22) County. An average of six men per platoon carried rifles; the rest were unarmed. No heavy weapons were seen. The majority of the troops were members of the Volunteer Army, who can be identified by their new uniforms, which are similar in pattern to those of the ROK Taehan Youth Group. These NKPA troops were bound for Yongju (128-38, 36-50) via Yongyang (129-06, 36-40) since their passage was blocked at Andong.
- On the evening of 25 September 400 to 500 North Korean troops were observed at Ongchon en route to Yongju. One fifth of the troops carried rifles and the rest of the troops carried a few grenades.

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